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Rejects Deep Cuts in President's Budget Proposal

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"The Democratic budget fulfills our commitment to the American people by Slugging. th

"This budget stands in stark contrast to the President's misguided budget proposal th

BACKGROUND

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Fiscal Responsibility

- Reaches balance in 2012 and remains in balance in 2013 using realistic estimates from the
- Complies with the House pay-as-you go rule that requires all mandatory spending and revenue
- Contains initiatives to crack down on wasteful spending.
- Posts smaller deficits than the President's budget over five years from 2009-2013.

Rejects the Bush Administration's Cuts

- Rejects \$479 billion of Medicare cuts and \$94 billion in cuts to Medicaid over ten years.
- Rejects more than \$18 billion in new fees for veterans and military retirees over five years.
- Rejects the elimination of several state and local law enforcement programs.

Strengthens the Economy

- Invests in highways, water, and other infrastructure projects.
- Provides crucial funding to enhance our scientific and technological competitive edge.
- Increases funding for efficient and renewable energy programs.

Provides Tax Relief and Help for Struggling Families

- Accommodates tax relief from the Alternative Minimum Tax for more than 20 million households
- Includes up to a \$50 billion increase to expand children's health insurance to cover millions of
- Provides for home heating assistance, Social Services Block Grants, and housing assistance p
- Provides \$7.1 billion more than the President's budget for vital education, job training, and s

Makes America Safer

- Shifts funds to high priorities such as reducing "loose nukes" and nuclear nonprolifer
- Increases veterans funding by \$3.6 billion, enough to allow the Veterans Administration to treat
- Increases homeland security funding over the Bush Administration's request.
- Increases funding for first responder programs including Community Oriented Policing Services

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